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GLO releases multiple action plan amendments for disaster relief funds

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AUSTIN — Today Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced the first amendment to the \$57.8 million action plan for Hurricane Harvey and the second amendment to the action plan for the 2016 flooding events have both been posted for public comment. The amendments make substantive changes and additions for how Community Development Block Grants for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) recovery funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be spent in impacted communities.

"When disasters strike, the GLO works closely with local communities to administer relief funds," said Commissioner Bush. "Each community benefitting from these action plans suffered significant damage from both the 2016 floods and Hurricane Harvey, and these changes will provide critical funding for local recoveries from those disasters."

The Hurricane Harvey amendment reallocates \$8,000,000 to the Harris County Residential Buyout Program. The amendment to the action plan for the 2016 floods now includes methods of distribution for each of the five most impacted counties to account for the third allocation from HUD. In total, these two action plans account for \$297 million in Community Development Block Grants for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds allocated to the state of Texas by HUD.

Each amendment will be <u>posted for public review</u> and comment on the <u>GLO's</u> website for 14 days. All comments should be submitted to <u>cdr@glo.texas.gov</u> by 5:00 p.m. on May 24, 2018, to be considered. The GLO will respond to public comments for each action plan before it is sent to HUD for final approval.

About GLO Community Development and Revitalization (CDR)
In addition to short-term housing in partnership with Federal Emergency Management
Agency, the CDR division of the Texas General Land Office administers the CDBGDR on behalf of the state of Texas. More than \$9 billion have been allocated for
recovery following Hurricanes Rita, Dolly, and Ike, the 2011 wildfires, the 2015 and
2016 floods and Hurricane Harvey. These grants can be used for a wide variety of
activities including housing redevelopment, infrastructure repair and long-term planning.

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